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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hiroyuki SAITO et al.
Title: PREVENTION AND TREATMENT
OF DISEASES ASSOCIATED
WITH BLOOD COAGULATION
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Claims:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.21, please substitute for claims 3, 5 - 8, 12 - 14, 16, 21 - 23, 25, 30 - 32, 34, 39 - 41, 43, 48 - 50, and 52 the following rewritten version of the same claims, as amended. The changes are shown explicitly in the attached "Marked-up Version of Amended Claims."

a¹ 3. (Once Amended) The animal according to claim 1 wherein said animal cell is a mammalian cell.

a² 5. (Once Amended) The animal according to claim 1 wherein said animal is a mouse.

6. (Once Amended) The animal according to claim 1 wherein said hypercoagulable state is indicated by at least one of the phenomena comprising an